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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/809,871	Applicant(s) ISHIDA ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14, 16, 17, 19 and 20 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is a Non-Final Rejection in response to the amendment filed on December 30, 2005 by **Ishida et al.**

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see pages 9-14, filed December 30, 2005, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-15 under **Amano** (US 6814475) and **Naganawa** (US 6637914) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of **Blusseau** (US 2004/0156211).

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on October 7, 2005 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97, and accordingly, the information disclosure statement has been considered by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States

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only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 15 and 18 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by

Blusseau (US 2004/0156211).

5. In reference to Claim 15, **Blusseau** shows a headlamp having a light distribution pattern having a horizontal cutoff line and an oblique cutoff line rising from the horizontal cutoff line at an angle, formed by a reflecting optical system that comprises:

- Means for generating a first light output and a second light output [Figure 4: (401)];
- And means for reflecting said first light output and said second light output from said means for generating toward a front of a lighting unit to produce said horizontal cutoff line and said oblique cutoff line, respectively [See page 4 paragraph [0054] lines 5-9 and paragraph [0055] in reference to Figure 4: (401 and 403)].

6. In reference to Claim 18, **Blusseau** shows:

- The means for generating first light output is arranged to emit light in a direction perpendicular to a central axis of means for reflecting the first light output [Figure 5: (500 and 501)].

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 1-14, 16, 17, 19, and 20 are allowed.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Meghan K. Dunwiddie whose telephone number is (571)272-8543. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8 am-4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on (571)272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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